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Edmonton census enumerators brave unseasonable weather

Edmonton, April 21, 2008 – Although the Edmonton 2008 Census was planned for the spring season, enumerators are facing Edmonton's unexpected bout of winter weather and continuing their door-to-door campaign to count everyone in the city.

"Edmontonians need to know that residents can contact their enumerators directly by phone," explains Steve Thompson, Director of Election and Census. When enumerators visit a house and find residents away, they leave a notice in the mailbox with a direct phone number.

"If they have not already talked to a census enumerator, we hope everyone will check their mailboxes for that notice and call the number provided," Steve Thompson says. "Whatever residents can do to save their enumerators from making an extra trip would be very much appreciated, particularly with this week's weather."

Before the weekend snow storm, enumerators had covered about three quarters of homes in Edmonton.

"We need to count everyone," explains Steve Thompson. "Our numbers need to be accurate to ensure we get full per capita funding for which we are eligible and to plan for the level of services the City needs to deliver."

If a household has not received a visit from their enumerator or a call-back notice, residents should call the Election and Census Office at 496-8008.

It takes only a few minutes to provide census information for a household.

Census questions cover the number of people in a household, age, Canadian citizenship, employment status and the number of vehicles per household. Residents are not asked to provide their names. All personal information will be kept confidential.

All enumerators wear photo identification. Residents should ask to see it if it's not plainly visible.

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